

Schools should be surrounded by compatible land uses, but several schools in the planning area are adversely affected by adjacent development. Not only is the educational atmosphere impaired, but possibilities for expanding the facilities have been complicated, and traffic hazards that are a threat to children on foot and on bicycles have been created. The situation is particularly bad in the vicinity of the Leaksville Graded School where commercial activities have developed which have increased the traffic on streets that abut three sides of the school site. Commercial uses have also encroached on Burton Grove School. This school, like the Leaksville Graded School, is located on a heavily traveled thoroughfare. The Spray Graded School is also on a major traffic artery. Morgan Ford Road splits the school's attendance area causing children who live west of Morgan Ford Road to cross this dangerous street on the way to school. Others approaching the school are forced by the lack of sidewalks to walk in the street. The sites of other schools in the planning area are not affected to any great degree by traffic hazards or the impact of incompatible adjacent land uses. However, unless zoning is properly enforced in Leaksville, Draper, and the Meadow Greens Sanitary District and adopted by Spray, what has happened around the Leaksville Graded School can occur near other schools in the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- It is recommended that the location of future school sites be chosen so that service areas will not overlap.
- It is recommended that adequate zoning regulations be properly enforced in the vicinity of schools.
- Unless all of the elementary schools in Leaksville and Spray can be redistributed in the future in desirable and convenient locations on the basis of standards in Table 4, it is recommended that site improvements be made at Leaksville and Spray Graded Schools. Monroe Street should be closed and space in the adjoining block be acquired for the Leaksville Graded School. Although this school site has several major deficiencies, it serves a sizeable residential area. Additional land should be acquired for the Spray Graded School to bring this site up to acceptable standards. For the safety of pedestrians sidewalks should be constructed on Morgan Ford Road.